Resolution
Board of Supervisors
County of Columbia
New York

Resolution No. 70-2026

AUTHORIZING THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS SEQR LEAD AGENCY TO MAKE A DETERMINATION THAT THE ADDITION OF NYS AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW ARTICLE 25-AA AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT SECTION 303-B PROPERTIES TO COLUMBIA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT NOS. 9 AND 10 WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, WILL NOT REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, AND THAT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION BE ISSUED BY SAID COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

UPON, recommendation of the County Government Committee, at a meeting held on the 21st day of January; 2026; and of the Finance Committee; at a meeting held on the 28th day of January, 2026;

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Board of Supervisors received requests for inclusion of predominantly viable agricultural land, within a certified agricultural district pursuant to NYS Agriculture and Markets Law Article 25-AA Section 303-b during October 2025; and

WHEREAS, the action is classified as an Unlisted Action under SEQRA regulations (6NYCRR Part 617), thereby requiring a determination of significance to be made; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County Planning Department completed a SEQRA Short Environmental Assessment Form for this action; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the information contained in the Environmental Assessment Form, is annexed hereto and made part hereof;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Columbia County Board of Supervisors determines that the addition of, one (1) parcel with a total of 9.9 acres, located in the Town of New Lebanon, owned by Joseph E. Savino Jr., operating as Hilltop Farmstand (New Lebanon 7.-2-44) in Agricultural District 9, one (1) parcel with a total of 53.7 acres located in the Town of Chatham, owned by Edwin and Cherie Williams, operating as Fox Hill Winery (Chatham 14.-1-52) in Agricultural District 10, and one (1) parcel with a total of 32.7 acres, located in the Town of Canaan, owned by Alex Shchipkov & Maryna Baranouskaya, operating as Pinery Farm (Canaan 37.-1-50.1) in Agricultural District 10, will not have a significant adverse environmental impact and, therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required; and be it further RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the NYS SEQRA Environmental Assessment Form on behalf of the Columbia County Board of Supervisors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Columbia County Attorney, the Columbia County Treasurer, and posted to the Board of Supervisors website.

Approved:

Robert J. Fitzsimmons, County Attorney

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STATE OF NEW YORK}
COUNTY OF COLUMBIA} ss:

This is to certify that I, undersigned Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Columbia, have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution, now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was ***adopted by said Board of Supervisors on the 11th day of February, 2026****, and that the same is true and correct transcript of such original resolution and of the whole thereof.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Board of Supervisors this 12th day of February, 2026.

Kelly S. Baccaro, Clerk of the Board